



LIZZIE DAWSON, GUEST AT WA-SHUN-GA CAMPS

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

MAY • 1955

Dates to Remember

June 5-11 — Sr. Camp at Ws-Shun-Ga
June 12-18 — Jr. Hi Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga

July 24-30 — Family Camp at Estes Park

July 27-31 — International Sunday School Convention at Cleveland, Ohio

August 3-7 — Leadership Workshop at La Foret

August 14-21 — Conference for Congregational Laymen and Women at La Foret

Sept 15-26 — Conference Committees and Boards Planning Meetings

Sept. 24-25 — Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop at McPherson

October 4 — Southern Association Meeting at Partridge

October 6 — Eastern Association Meeting at Topeka Seabrook

October 9-10 — Western Association Meeting at Smith Center

October 18, 19, 20 — Midwest Regional Meeting at Madison, Wisconsin

Nov. 4-5 — State Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at Wichita Plymouth

January 25 to Feb. 2, 1956 — Mid-Winter Meetings at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Congregational Kansas

Several inquiries have come in as to the dead-line date for news items for Congregational Kansas. The dead-line is the 20th of the month for the following month's issue which is usually off the press by the 12th. You will please remember that the magazine is not printed July, August and December. So items for the June issue which

will be the last until September, should reach the conference office by May 20; items for September by August 20. We will appreciate your cooperation.

Morbus Sabbaticus

Have you heard of the disease, morbus sabbaticus, peculiar to church members at this season of the year? Symptoms vary, but never interfere with appetite; never last more than 24 hours at a time; no physician needed; contagious; always proves fatal in the end to the soul. It comes on suddenly every Sunday; no symptoms felt on Saturday night and patient awakes as usual feeling fine; eats hearty breakfast. About nine the attack comes on and lasts until around two. In the afternoon patient is much improved. He is able to take a motor ride or go on a picnic. Patient is able to go to work on Monday. If this disease has troubled you or members of your family lately, may we suggest the following exercises; a short walk or drive to your church and a brief hour spent variously sitting, standing or kneeling in the company of those who successfully resisted the disease!

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Greetings from the Heplers

Be sure to place our address on your newcomer list for Topeka.

The Conference purchased the dwelling pictured above at 1269 College Avenue for our home. We will soon have things in their places and be able to give the all-clear for a continual open house to friends throughout the state.

Happy Return

The return to Kansas is a momentous one for the Heplers because it is such a happy experience to renew old acquaintances and revisit familiar places; to learn of the progress made in the various churches of the state to see the new churches; to study the additions and remodelings that have been accomplished; and to note the important improvements made in conducting the business of the Conference.

In Retrospect

As we look back over our years in the ministry, we realize that there are no more important events in the history of our family than the birth of our children. So, above the mass of recollections concerning the pastotates we have served, Chicago stands

out because Lucinda Carol was born there in the fall of 1943. We can not give full credit to Anthony for the birthplace of Priscilla Ruth because she was born in Rochester, Minnesota during the vacation transition period between Anthony and Wichita in the summer of 1947. Margaret Jo is definitely the most important single event in our family history to happen in Gary, for she was born during the Indiana State Conference in 1952.

New Relationship

Our girls do not as yet fully comprehend how we can be "ministering" without a visible church structure which we can definitely call our own. This does seem very strange to us. We must readjust our perspectives to include several scores of churches with their many boards, committees, hopes and dreams. This transition can not be made without much patience and perseverance on our part and we hope that you will bear with us as we survey the larger parish of Kansas.

At Your Service

Most of our time during the summer months will be spent in getting acquainted with the churches, ministers and program of the State Conference. We will have a chance to meet many at Junior Hi Camp. We will learn much of the new emphasis on Family Life in the Family Camp. We will share the Leadership Workshop at La-Forêt. We will visit churches to observe them at work and assist by supplying the pulpie where needed. We will meet with local committees as well as those entrusted with inter-church activities. You can be assured that we will do all in our power to strengthen the fellowship in the Conference.

Evangelism Committee

Hans Poppe, Chairman

It is hoped that the name of the new denominational Director of the Department of Evangelism can be announced in the near future. As chairman, I would like to call your attention to the Mission to Ministers conducted by the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches. Sessions on Bible study of evangelistic passages, lectures on the theology of evangelism, discussions on counseling, visual aids, and effective preaching will be at Green Lake, Wisconsin (near Chicago) July 25-30. Dr. Stanley North informs us that a few scholarships for covering the cost of board and room will be available thru the department of Evangelism and Devotional Life. If you are interested you may write to Dr. North in New York. A series of sermon topics and texts has been suggested by the National Council's Department.

May 8, Christian Home Sunday

Acts 16:11-15; 25-40

The Gospel For the Family

May 15, Rural Life Sunday

Acts 14:8-22

The Gospel For the Farmer

May 22, Acts 4:13-35

The Gospel For the Needy

May 29, Pentecost Acts 2:1-21

The Gospel For Every Nation

Other suggestions are: John 21:1-14

The Gospel For the Discouraged

Acts 2:22-38

The Gospel for the Guilty

Acts 3:1-16

The Gospel For the Crippled

Bulletins with a Pentecost message

can be obtained from the World Council of Churches, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

Was your church filled on Easter with members on the fringe of participation? Now in the post Easter period is a good time for deacons, deaconesses and visitation teams to call on the inactive members.

If the season and service bore its proper message now may be the time to rekindle the spiritual fires of those who have grown cold or careless.

The dynamics of Easter should not be put back into the tomb for another year. Let its message emerge again and again; during Family week, and especially on Memorial Sunday.

Be Sure

to read "I'm Thankful For Sleepless Nights," by Margaret Ogden, on page 16. Truly a challenge on "Prayer."

Leavenworth Moves Ahead

This Evangelical-Congregational Church has taken on new life under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Baker who became pastor the middle of November. April first the church activities were moved from the E & R church building to the larger Congregational building at 5th and Walnut. Although the Congregational building is in very bad repair, the change was mandatory as church school attendance has increased beyond the capacity of the smaller building. Church attendance has doubled with an average of 168 during the month of April. Mr. Baker has added 25 members since he came. A Building Committee is investigating, possible relocation and a new building. The Rev. Leroy Eide of the Board of Home Missions has been secured for a financial drive in April 1956. It gives us great joy to see this church making such marked progress.



Left to right: Mrs. Ed. Mohl, R. J. Shields, W. S. Knox, the Rev. Hans Poppe, Harold Dumlér, R. L. Shields and Mrs. Ralph Ewing.

Mortgage Burning Ceremony at Russell

Easter, a time of happiness, was especially bright for members of the Congregational Church at Russell. As a part of the Easter Morning service, the Rev. Hans Poppe was assisted by the chairmen of the Board of Trustees, the church treasurers and the Women's Guild presidents, serving now and when the church was built.

A total of \$33,645.00 borrowed at the local banks has been paid off since the new \$74,000.00 structure was dedicated in February 1952. At the time Mr. Poppe became pastor of the church in July 1951, the total membership was 149. It now totals 286. Mr. Poppe has received 213 members in his pastorate of less than four years.

Superintendent Rymph shared in the mortgage burning service on Easter Sunday.

Kansas City Rosedale

On Palm Sunday worshippers at our Rosedale church were greeted with new pews throughout the sanctuary and the chancel, a new center aisle, newly carpeted, also new carpet across the front and back of the church.

Cash totalling \$2600.00 was on hand to pay for the pews when they were delivered. Seven of the new pews, costing \$100.00 each, were given in memory of departed members and friends of the church. The men of the church gave a Chef's dinner which netted \$400.00 for the fund. The Junior Department of the Church School raised \$100.00 with a paper drive. The Pilgrim Fellowship sponsored the raising of funds for the carpet. The new arrangement with the center aisle increases the seating capacity by one third. The success of the project which began in February marked a real victory for the Rev. and Mrs. Bonny and the whole congregation, according to Mrs. Hafton Dahl, clerk of the church.

Pulpit Exchanges

On April 17, the Sunday following Easter, the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones of Topeka First and the Rev. S. J. Williams of Emporia First, changed pulpits. On that same Sunday, the Rev. George Fisk of Wichita Fairmount exchanged with the Rev. Robert Lesser of Salem E & R Church in Wichita.

CHILDREN'S DAY - JUNE 12

TAKE OFFERING

STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE

**Special Envelopes —
Conference Office**

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President

Peggy Epps, Secretary



Fun at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

Each year as camp time rolls around, my anticipation rises, but every year my expectations can not equal the experiences I share as a part of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. Whoever has not attended camp can not know the endless activities of camp for fun.

Around The Clock

When I say fun, I include fun in the evenings when our social hour is in progress; dancing and talking and watching Uncle Dale's antics or perhaps listening to Uncle Louie's corny jokes. It includes fun in the morning when the bell rings at 6:30; the groans and complaints when you know no one really minds. It includes fun during free time to go rowing, play a game of baseball, swimming, play off a tournament in tennis, or a moment to spend in rare companionship with a new-found friend. It includes the fun at night in our cabins, the ghost stories, the jokes, the relating of hilarious experiences, the peals of laughter and, of course,

the hushing of our counselors. It includes the fun at our serenades when the boys and girls go silently over to the others' cabins and harmonize on a few old favorites, and the out-of-key giggles because of the sour notes of others.

Learning To Know God

But when I speak of fun at camp, the first thing I remember is God. Some might think it disrespectful to say God is fun, but at camp God is in every activity and in every word that is spoken. We meet God everywhere we go and in everything we see. To say God is fun, you first have to know God, and at camp everyone comes away with his or her opinion of God fixed by experiences never to be equalled. A lot of you know about Quiet Time, but I'd like to say more about this particular experience. Quiet Time is early in the morning following a meditation. Everyone leaves the chapel and goes outside to be with God. Not a word is spoken between people, but God can say more at that time than at any other. Sitting under the big trees by the tiny stream that goes bubbling along, looking up at the jagged cliffs that the rivulet has cut through, it is no wonder that the inspiration is so profound and the realization of our smallness compared to God is so great. Camp gives God a chance to speak out and the hearts that are there are eager to hear. At our camp, we sit in a Friendship Circle and the huge trees make a great arch above us. And finally, the climax of Vision Hill where we take communion just as the sun goes down, is fun too.

Unforgettable Experiences

At camp fun is everywhere and in everyone. My experiences at camp can not be numbered, but they certainly won't be forgotten. Camp life is a glowing pattern of the life Jesus wanted us to live. I can be safe in saying that everyone who ever attended Camp Wa-Shun-Ga has within him a memory of what God can be throughout his life. Camp Wa-Shun-Ga can be a shining goal waiting to be recaptured.

— by Judie Sick, from "Wings"

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Junior Hi Leaders

Pictured below are Kay Rogers of Newton, Southern Jr. Hi Chairman, Schuyler Stevenson of Council Grove, Eastern Chairman and Judy Griffiths of Lawrence, State Jr. Hi Chairman. These three with Cindy Ewing of Western will preside over the P.F. assemblies and student council meetings at our Wa-Shun-Ga Junior Hi Camp.

Remember that attendance this year is limited to next year's 8th and 9th graders. This means that those completing the 6th grade this year, will not be eligible to attend.



Junior Hi Officers

Commissioning Service

See suggested service on Page 7 of P.F. Review. We suggest the service as a part of the Morning Worship on May 29.

Program Resources

By this time every group should have all six booklets of the "Youth Fellowship Programs" series. This is now a complete series for three years' use by a PF group. Each booklet contains 15 topics.

You ought to own five or six copies of each booklet, because many topics require a number of participants and each will need a book. The officers should have access to one or two booklets, and the adult adviser will need to have a set. These books should now form a permanent library of youth fellowship program materials and you will want to go back to them over and over again as the group changes. Of course, you may find ideas in other places for some meetings, but for week-to-week planning, be sure to study the intriguing subjects of these booklets.

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Maize Church

The Maize Pulpit Committee met with the State Superintendent, April 20 to consider the possibility of yoking with the Sedgwick Church to secure resident pastoral leadership. At present a student minister from Friends University is supplying the pulpit. Attendance at Church School has greatly increased in recent years. With many new houses built adjacent to the church it is hoped that real growth may be experienced by this church as it serves more effectively these new families.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Florence Smith
By Prairie Village Church

Mrs. Celia S. Waddle
Miss Lucy K. Forbes
Miss Cornelia B. Hamblin
By Ottawa Women

and around the world; how are we to know what is happening if we don't study these books? We should be informed as to the part our own church plays in the national and international mission fields. It is my sincere hope that all of our churches will use the two study themes in planning programs for next year. If you do not care to own the books,, our literature chairman is eager to loan them to you; the materials are simple enough to use in small groups or can be expanded to give wonderful programs in the very large churches.

Study Themes

However, 23 churches reported having programs on India, Pakistan and Ceylon, which makes the above sound much better! Instead of using the book, several of these churches used guest speakers who were natives of the countries and got a first hand picture better than they would have otherwise. Most of our churches in Eastern could secure foreign student speakers from our colleges; this is one of our recommendations for this year, it makes for very good international relations.

Prayer Groups And Reading

Seven prayer groups were reported and 9 reading chairmen — this suggests two places where we may be very weak. However, of the 9 who reported books read, the percentage of women reading was high; one church reporting 90% of its women reading and no church less than 33%. It sounds as if we need to get each church started reading good books and reporting them. Make use of the "Adventures In Reading" lists.

Eastern Association Reports

The annual reports coming in to your Eastern Association President, have been a pleasure and satisfaction to read. The response was good; we have 33 women's groups and 27 have reported, 5 more than last year. They show an informed interest in the work of the women in our churches. A large number of women attended both association and state conference meetings. All 26 have a devotional service at every meeting and 22 have read the Guide Book — 21 having printed, planned, programs for the year.

Study Books

Only 12 groups reported using the mission study books in any way; this seems a real loss in the education and development of the women in the other 21 churches in Eastern. Our protestant denominations unite in the publication of these very good books telling the story of our missions in the homeland

There is a lesson in these figures. What do we read? How much time do we spend enriching our personal lives?

Publications

Subscriptions to *Congregational Kansas* were very good in some churches, but your president feels they should be much higher. As magazine prices go, *Congregational Kansas* is a lot of good reading at a remarkably low price. And what woman wants to be in ignorance about the work of her own denomination and her state?

Subscriptions to *Advance* and *Social Action* are not high enough. How can we be informed if we don't take our denominational papers? Our husbands all get their trade journals and club magazines to keep up on what is new in business. Let us, as *Congregational* women, make a real effort to have our church literature on our reading tables in our homes during the coming year. There were fewer subscriptions reported to me this year than last — let us hope it is a mistake in reporting.

Friendly Service

Friendly Service appeals to women and we always have excellent reports, 23 of our churches accepted their quota and 20 have already sent materials. Some of the Second Mile giving in Friendly Service was interesting reading; the total amount spent by all churches, \$834.35.

Social Action

Social Action reports showed thought, imagination and hard work on the part of the 9 churches participating. A "Rumor Clinic" was conducted by one church, one petitioned their senator about racing and betting, another petitioned restaurants in their city to serve negroes. A city church informed its members regarding a new park, one rehabilitated a burned-out family; sever-

al did interesting work for shut-ins and older people in nursing homes. One wrote the TV stations regarding the beer ads.

Our Giving

Our giving is somewhat of a disappointment, if you have carefully reported all your gifts; they do not come up to last year with \$4,044.23 reported for general benevolences in Eastern against only \$2,972.50 this year. Please, officers, keep accurate reports of the work your women do in your church; we want to show progress every year. Our churches are growing in membership; some had quite large additions; our women's work should be accelerated a great deal more than our reports for 1954 show. Summing up these items for this year gives me grave concern and I hope I am making it seem of much importance to you as you read. Someone has said "no church is stronger than its women" and with part of our work only creeping ahead a little and some falling behind, it seems to me the women are not showing the strength our churches need.

Our Christian Stewardship

We are Christian Women in the church because we believe in what it has to offer to the world; we are here to help spread that great love from the heart of the Master, no other hands but ours can do our part in His work. If we believe in our church and want others to, let us get them to work, study and give; let us share with others the joys of Christian Stewardship of money, time and life.

—Mrs. Edith Erickson (Mrs. E. E.)
Eastern President

Southern Reports

The reports of the women's organizations in the churches of the Southern

Association have been coming in and the women have carried on in a gratifying manner. The Guide Book has been read and used by the officers of local organizations and the Standards of Achievement have been met satisfactorily in most instances. The response to Friendly Service quotas and giving has been most generous. The number of subscriptions to *Congregational Kansas* is a good percentage, but the number of subscriptions to our church magazine, "Advance" is low and should be increased.

The women's organization can be of great help in the spiritual development of a church, so let us stress the daily personal devotions, church attendance, and the prayer life of our members.

The state and association officers are eager to meet with any organization, at no expense, as there is a special fund for this purpose.

The annual Southern Association meeting was held in Whitewater, October 5, 1955; attendance was very good and all found the meeting inspirational and challenging. We are looking forward to our next meeting, to be held in Partridge, October 4, 1955.

Mrs. Henry A. Kittell,
Southern President

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"Operation Medical Journal"

This is the title given to the project that is nearing completion under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Tihen, of Wichita Plymouth. The American Board of Missions, through their representative, Dr. Elmer L. Sevringhaus, recently pointed up the urgent need that exists to supply the 16 Congregational Christian missionary doctors at the 73 hospitals and dispensaries scattered throughout the world with Medical,

Nursing, and Public Health Journals. Instead of accepting a proportionate share of the money to be raised, our Wichita Plymouth doctors elected to raise the \$2500.00 for the entire five-year project. May we say, "Well done!"

Post Easter Attendance

A seven week attendance campaign between Easter and the first of June is being carried out at Kansas City Ruby, under the direction of the Rev. Ken Holmes and a special committee headed by Chas. H. Steffens, Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Gaylord Gives Heerty Welcome

The Rev. and Mrs. Roy Curless, with help from many friends and neighbors, moved into the Gaylord parsonage the week after Easter. They moved from Pittsville, Wisconsin where they have served a Larger Parish for the past seven years. On arriving at Gaylord they found the parsonage completely redecorated and many improvements made. Beginning projects in the church include Sunday bulletins and the organization of a Pilgrim Fellowship.

Easter At Wichita Pilgrim

Easter at Wichita Pilgrim began with a sunrise service on the church lawn. Duplicate morning worship services were held at 9:30 and 11 A.M. Total attendance at the three services was 521 with 330 present at Church School. Thirteen members were added to the church and three children were baptized. April 22 was the fourth anniversary of Founder's Day of Pilgrim Church. The membership now totals more than 500.

Sedgwick

On April 21st, Supt. Rymph was guest at a fellowship supper at Sedgwick. Plans for the future of the church were discussed.

Reporting the Easter Season

Tenebrae Service

Smith Center and Athol observed this lovely service on Maundy Thursday in the sanctuary at Smith Center. Following communion by candlelight, four deacons from each church seated at a table in the chancel, read accounts of the last days of Jesus' life before extinguishing their candles. Prayers were offered by the Rev. Harald Wiesgarver.

A similar service was held at Russell with the Rev. Hans Poppe and his deacons officiating.

Centralia

Easter day was preceded by an Easter Egg Hunt for 80 small children on Saturday afternoon. A newly organized Junior Choir of 33 voices, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Smith made their first appearance on Easter. The Rev. Fred Smith reports 32 new members received and 5 children baptized.

Millard Marshall Reports

Twenty-one members were added at Onaga, 15 on confession of faith and 6 by transfer; four children baptized. At Wheaton, one baby baptized and 2 new members. In 1954 Onaga was third in the state in number of members added with a total for the year of 87.

Sabetha

During the Easter season 26 new members were received by the Rev. S. Duane Ogden, 24 of them on confession of faith. A new "Cry Room" — soundproof with large plate glass window and equipped with a sound system was used for the first time on Palm Sunday by mothers of small children.

An Easter offering totalling \$1,910.90 is to be used for the "Building Enlargement Fund".

Lenora

The Rev. C. G. Nelson, interim minister at Lenora reports 142 attending the Easter worship service with four members added and two baptisms.

Wichita Plymouth

Almost 1500 people attended the two Easter services at Wichita Plymouth to hear Dr. George Ogden Kirk's message, "Fear and Joy Meet". On Palm Sunday 75 new members were added, making a total of more than 200 additions since Mr. Kirk began his ministry September first.

Topeka Central

"Easter was a great day at Central! The church was decorated beautifully, the choirs never sang better, our people and guests flocked in for the two services — 1090 in all." Thus reports the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney. But he adds: "I heard the other day of a church in another city which claims publicity as the only church in the city to have a larger attendance the Sunday after Easter than on Easter Day. It must be quite a church!" An offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing" projects taken Easter Sunday, totaled \$529.32. On Palm Sunday 20 new members were added.

Sedgwick

The largest attendance in recent years was recorded at Sedgwick on Easter Sunday. The Rev. D. B. Clouse

is serving as supply minister. On Good Friday evening, Mrs. Clouse reviewed "The Pilot's Wife" at a special service. Organ music was furnished by Coleen Cox. Ruth Williams of McPherson sang a solo accompanied by Jane Clouse.

Topeka Seaman

The highlight of Topeka Seaman's Easter Season was the Children's Palm Sunday Processional when 50 kindergartens and primary children; boys in white shirts, dark trousers, bow ties; girls in pastel dresses, singing and waving palms, formed an aisle through which the Chancel Choir entered the sanctuary and chancel. The picture they presented, the overflow congregation of 290, the inspiration of having so many families together in church, gave Holy Week the beginning of humility which the season merits. Two Easter worship services, with church school for children, were attended by 606; 16 were received into membership and five babies were christened. W. E. Dull is Pastor.

Topeka First

The attendance at two services at First Church, where three children's choirs, the Chapel Choir and the Chancel Choir furnished special music, was 880. During Easter Week 29 new members were received and 20 children baptized. A special Easter offering for the Education Building Fund totalled about \$550.00. All new members joining First Church the past year, were honored at a special dinner on April 29 with Nyle Miller, Secretary of Kansas Historical Society, as speaker.

Hutchinson

In addition to observance of the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Hornung's

ordination Easter week, our church at Hutchinson received 24 new members and 12 children were baptized.

Lawrence Plymouth

There were more than 1000 in attendance at the two Easter worship services. Fifty-two members were added and 19 were baptized during the Easter season. The Rev. Ray Carlton Jones spoke and Mrs. Jones played two piano solos at the New Member Dinner held on April 20.

Kansas City Welborn

At an 8:30 A.M. Easter service, the Rev. Reuben R. Trickey spoke on "The Glad News". At the 11 o'clock service, his subject was, "He Is Not Here." Forty new members were added and 18 were baptized on Palm Sunday.

Prairie Village Colonial

The Colonial Crier reports 12 new members and 2 baptisms during the Easter season. The new chapel was completed in time for the Maundy Thursday service. The Rev. Herbert Duncan is interim minister.

Whitewater

Holy week services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, were climaxed with a lovely Maundy Thursday Candle Light Communion Service with the meditation by the Rev. Louis Poppe centered on the men in the picture, "The Last Supper." The attendance on Easter Sunday was 290 with a total of 925 at the services of the week. New choir gowns and a new pulpit gown, made possible by gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Levi Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Neuman, added greatly to the services.



The Bonny's
Workshop Leaders

La Foret Leadership Workshop August 3 - 7

IF

You try to keep alert to up-to-date principles and methods of teaching persons in any department of the church school, — you will profit greatly by hearing Miss Mildred Widber, an expert on Children's Work.

IF

You wish to increase your understanding of the message of the Old Testament, you will gain new insights from Dr. Alan Wehrli, outstanding scholar of the Old Testament.

IF

You wish to probe deeply into the pertinence of your Christian beliefs, you will enjoy the lectures by the Rev. Oscar Bonny.

IF

You enjoy inspiration from association with other progressive-minded leaders from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, you will find stimulation for your entire family.

Total Cost

Children 3-5 years, \$7.50

All others, \$15.50

Send \$2.00 advance registration to Orville Hepler, 923 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, before July 20.

Children's Village

Children 3 years thru 11 years will have daily programs under skilled leadership at the beautiful Blue Spruce cabin, from breakfast until 4:30 each day.

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Hari Gnanadason

Family Camp

July 24 - 30

Missionary Leaders

The Rev. Hari Gnanadason and his wife Joy of South Travancore, India, have just completed a year's special training in Great Britain in Religious Education work. Soon after reaching the United States they will come to Estes Park as guest leaders of our Family Camp. Both are four generation Christians with a rich heritage and extensive education. They have two children, a son Nallu (meaning "good")

who is 9 years old and Nalatha, 4 years of age. They left the children in India; Mrs. Gnanadason will return at the end of the summer, but her husband will remain for further study.



Joy Gnanadason

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Carl Althaus
President

Bill Cribbs
Vice President

Ralph Ewing
Secretary-Treasurer

Chicago Convention Addresses

On records, long playing, 33 1/3 RPM. available, State Conference office.

"A New Christian Order for Our Time" by Dr. Elton Trueblood

"Evidence of Our Potential in Christ's Work"

by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper

"Our Christian Task in Today's World" by Dr. Walter Judd

"Responsible Churchmanship" by Dr. Truman Douglass

"The Complete Layman"

by Dr. Ronald Bridges

Each address about thirty minutes.

USE FOR

Men's Clubs—Laymen's Sunday
Sunday Morning Service

WRITE TODAY!

Ham Supper

The Brotherhood at Leavenworth sponsored a Ham Dinner on April 21 for all men of the church with Mayor Sexton as speaker.

Men's Fellowship

Sabetha men are having regular monthly meetings with Eugene Pfleiderer, President. At a recent meeting, Vilas and Donald Jones reported on the Chicago Convention. A delicious supper is served each month by a committee of women.

Stewardship vs Schemes

"There is only one real way to raise money to support the Church and all the good causes for which the Church stands, and that way is Christian stewardship. This means the setting aside of a portion of what God has given us and dedicating that portion to God's work. Each must decide for himself what that portion shall be, but when any group of churchmen together decide to escape their stewardship by resorting to money-raising schemes, something has happened which is of serious spiritual import."

—Rev. Harold N. Skidmore

REMEMBER

Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop at McPherson, September 24 and 25, Saturday night and Sunday. Lodging will be furnished in homes and meals will be underwritten jointly by the Laymen's Fellowship and the State Conference. Mark the dates; plan for a large delegation from your church.

Welborn Men

On April 28 the Men's Club held their annual Sweetheart Dinner. Sounds interesting!

Father And Son Banquet

On April 19 there were 110 in attendance at the Father and Son Banquet at Gaylord. Following songs and fellowship, the Rev. Roy Curless, new minister, spoke on "Your Responsibility."

Our Christian World Mission

To April 25, 1955

Church	O.C.W.M.		GREAT HOUR	Church	O.C.W.M.		GREAT HOUR
	Quota	Paid			Quota	Paid	
Almena . . . \$	350.00	\$	\$	*Milford . . .	300.00	150.00	10.75
*Anthony . . .	500.00	125.00	65.15	*Mt. Hope . .	500.00	250.00	36.15
Athol . . .	200.00	50.00		Muscotah . . .	200.00		
*Carbondale . .	125.00	65.01	25.13	Neola . . .		20.94	
Centralia . . .	400.00	100.00		Newton . . .	600.00	100.00	
Coun. Grove . .	400.00	75.00		Olive Hill . . .	100.00		28.81
Cumberland . . .	20.00			*Onaga . . .	400.00	100.00	22.45
*Dover . . .	100.00	100.00	11.00	*Osborne . . .	1,000.00	585.00	104.89
*Downs . . .	200.00	50.00	17.10	*Ottawa . . .	500.00	250.00	28.25
Ellis	300.00			*Partridge . . .	600.00	250.00	136.14
*Emporia 1st . .	17,50.00	437.50	162.17	Pleas't Hill . .	120.00		
Sardis . . .	250.00			Plevna . . .	120.00		67.00
*Eureka . . .	400.00	100.00	50.30	Prairie Vil. . .	1,500.00	250.00	
*Ford	450.00	112.50	51.75	*Russell . . .	1,250.00	1,250.00	86.04
Garden City . .	1,500.00			*Sabetha . . .	1,800.00	450.00	98.10
*Garfield . . .	150.00	37.50	11.00	Sedgwick . . .	200.00	50.00	
*Gaylord . . .	200.00	89.48		Seneca . . .	300.00		15.72
*Gorham . . .	150.00	150.00		*Smith Cent. . .	150.00	37.50	29.04
*Great Bend . .	2,500.00	1,111.12	175.92	*Stanley . . .	400.00	200.00	95.00
Haven . . .	150.00	75.00	54.34	St. Marys . . .	50.00		
*Hiawatha . . .	80.00	30.75	10.00	Stockton . . .	300.00		
*Hutchinson . .	600.00	300.00	75.50	Tonganoxie . .	300.00		
*Independence . .	200.00	100.00	77.96	Topeka . . .			
Kansas City . .				* Central . . .	4,000.00	1,000.00	529.32
* 1st Pilg. . .	1,000.00	500.00	114.25	* First	3,000.00	816.68	223.30
* Rosedale . . .	600.00	150.00	32.25	Seabrook . . .	400.00		
* Ruby	500.00	166.68		* Seaman . . .	1,200.00	400.00	50.00
* Welborn . . .	2,000.00	1,000.00	76.94	*Towanda . . .	175.00	43.75	
*Kinsley . . .	500.00	125.00	35.95	Udall . . .	75.00	18.75	
*Kiowa . . .	150.00	75.00	52.70	*Wakefield . . .	350.00	87.50	150.00
*Kirwin . . .	100.00	25.00		*Wheaton . . .	100.00	25.00	18.75
Lawrence P. . .	5,400.00	1,800.00	500.00	Whitewater . .	1,000.00	431.50	
*Leavenworth . .	400.00	153.12	73.31	Wichita . . .			
*Lenora . . .	500.00	500.00		* Fairm't . . .	2,600.00	866.68	113.81
Leona	50.00			Pilgrim . . .	1,250.00		
Lincoln . . .	100.00			Plymouth . . .	8,165.00	2,025.00	
*Little River . .	300.00	300.00	37.00				
*McPherson . . .	1,000.00	250.00	180.00	TOTALS	\$59,530.00	\$18,861.96	\$ 3,849.04
*Maize	250.00	250.00					
*Manhattan . . .	2,000.00	800.00	115.60				
*Maple Hill . . .	400.00						
Mound City . . .	50.00						
Matfield Gr. . .	50.000						

* Indicates Per Capita Paid

"Be Thankful For Sleepless Nights"

by Margaret Ogden

How thankful I am for sleepless nights! I don't have very many of them, but when I do, I have deep satisfaction praying for my church, its members and all its interests.

I have had to live half my life before knowing the thrill of prayer. I have been stimulated by many people, much helpful reading, but it is mostly my own dis-satisfaction with myself which has awakened me to the full joy of prayer.

I'm only a beginner now! But I intend to grow and learn and pass on to my children what real prayer does—

We've been a generation of "lost souls" as far as prayer is concerned. We've discovered everything else but we've not discovered the fulfillment which comes by praying. Praying opens wide vistas for our soul's joy.

What can be more full of wonder than praying about the "things" most wanted and see them denied, yet you are given a new inner strength and light?

What is really more delight than rediscovering the Bible and have it waken you to all the things you've been missing — and that you only discover when you pray for such an awakening?

What is more joyous than the thrill that comes from watching those you pray for blossom and dare to do things they never could have done without God's help?

Then, there are those sleepless nights when you have time to pray for people long forgotten, or those who have been hard to love, those who have annoyed or wasted your time, those who refuse to face facts or seem to enjoy misrepresenting things.

High on my list is asking forgiveness for being critical, short tempered with my children and irritated at my husband and all my other 1001 besetting sins.

There are always those in hospitals who need our prayers above all else and how much each one of us may pray for them. Those ill in mind and who need the healing that comes only from changed attitudes and being able to forgive their loved ones from some imagined slight — these too may have our intercessions.

The Africans, the Spanish-Americans, the people of India, all need our prayers and understanding, and until I encircle the globe I can not, I dare not go to sleep. How can I sleep peacefully when there is so much want and need in the world? Shouldn't you and I have many more sleepless nights of prayer? I have dear friends among the Japanese and Chinese and I must not forget the Koreans.

The missionaries who have done so much to create peace and to help us understand all peoples of the world are such joy to pray for. They are so receptive and eager for our prayers. How can we forget them? When my thoughts are once back in America I must pray the hardest. Will America come to her knees before it is too late? Our President wants our prayers and the leaders of our government should never be forgotten. Our state officials must be remembered too. Then there are those lonely, discouraged souls who need only what God can do for them, and how I pray for them!

I pray that all churches may come closer together, that those who are talking of uniting will really unite, as Jesus would have us do. You and I must pray and pray and pray.